

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2385

Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Perez

February 19, 2010

An act relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2385, as introduced, John A. Perez. Community colleges: accelerated nursing and allied health care pilot program.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts, administered by a governing board, throughout the state, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction to students at the community college campuses maintained by the districts.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish an accelerated nursing and allied health care pilot program at 5 California Community Colleges distributed geographically across the state. The pilot program would be designed to be a public-private venture that lasts 5 years. The goal of the program would be to facilitate early graduation by reducing the time it takes to earn a degree from an average of 2 years to 18 months or less for students participating in the pilot program. The Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges would be required to develop the program model, select the participating colleges based on specified criteria, and oversee and collect outcome data to evaluate program effectiveness upon completion of the pilot program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

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2 legislation to establish an accelerated nursing and allied health
3 care pilot program at five California Community Colleges
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